

WELLER WILL AID IN ARSON LEGISLATION

Lawyers Ask That Burden for Overvaluation Be Shifted to Companies.

BEARS A NEW CONFESSION

Storekeeper Gives District Attorney's Office Valuable Information.

To make fruitful the efforts of the District Attorney's office and the Fire Marshal in discovering and prosecuting incendiaries, Assistant District Attorney Weller, who has been in charge of the arson investigation, has been asked to superintend the preparation of a bill to be introduced in the Legislature which will shift the responsibility for heavy over-insurance to the fire insurance companies.

Besides the many visitors who have entered their office and been assisted in framing such a bill, representatives from the various insurance companies have called on Mr. Weller to offer cooperation in any move that will insure a better standardization of fire insurance policies and a more careful inspection and supervision of agents.

When such a bill can be prepared Mr. Weller does not know, for the investigation which he is now carrying on grows with each day. Yesterday a storekeeper living on East Sixty-seventh street was arrested and put under \$15,000 bail in the Harlem police court for arson. The prisoner, Hugo Nereetin, made a statement to Assistant District Attorney Weller, in which he admitted having caused one fire.

His confession is considered extremely valuable by Mr. Weller, for it contains many details which lay the blame, convicted fire setter, has told the District Attorney's office in the statement that he has made, and is still adding to it. He shows, according to Mr. Weller, that he has been telling the truth, at least in the portions which have been investigated. Nereetin was arrested by a process server, who had been on the watch for him. He has not been injured and no warrant was issued.

Two fires occurring within the past year were the subject of Nereetin and Mr. Weller's conversation yesterday morning. The first occurred on February 1 when Nereetin had a \$15,000 fire insurance policy with the Phoenix Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. The second fire, which was a small stationery store, Nereetin had taken out two policies on, one for \$750 each with the American Union Fire Insurance Company and the General National Insurance Company. After the fire he received \$375 from each company.

"This was a crime to have a fire was the old," Nereetin said, according to Mr. Weller. "I had a stationery store which was not doing very well, when one day the man next door came to me and asked me if I wouldn't like to have a fire. I'm going to have a fire, he said, and all you need to do is to have a hole cut in your wall and you can come on it too."

The result of this conversation, Nereetin went on, was to arrange with the painter to cut the hole in the wall between the two stores and promise to pay him \$75 for doing it, no matter how much or little insurance was collected. The day was set, Nereetin left his store next door, cut a hole in the partition separating the two stores, slipped out through a common hallway and ran away. A few minutes later the fire engine came and Nereetin left his store. The fire was quickly put out, and in the final adjustment with the insurance companies Nereetin received \$750. He told Mr. Weller that he later disposed of his damaged stock for \$225.

Kaman Neemark, a public adjuster, was then indicted for making false report of loss. Yesterday he was released by District Attorney Whitman's staff and arraigned before Judge Rosenthal for arson. Bail on this count was set at \$10,000, which he had not furnished by sunset last night.

Fire Marshal Prid, who has been in consultation with Assistant District Attorney Weller throughout the investigation, was with him again yesterday afternoon discussing ways to proceed on the new laws opened by the information received thus far, that of connecting the men already arrested or known to have been implicated in the long series of small fires with the bigger losses in business fires.

Mr. Weller already has enough confirmation to go to the Grand Jury with new and important cases, but he believes that he has secured enough evidence to take cases to court and supplement the admissions of confederates with outside confirmation. The Fire Marshal's office has made thorough canvasses of neighborhoods where suspicious fires have occurred and has secured evidence there which, Mr. Weller says, confirms many of the informers' statements.

Nereetin's case goes before the Grand Jury to-morrow.

AFTER ADJUSTERS IN CHICAGO.

Indictments Expected Following Confession of Alleged "Go-Between."

Chicago, Jan. 25.—Five more indictments against members of the arson trust are expected to be voted as the result of evidence obtained this afternoon by State Attorney Frank Johnston.

The evidence will be submitted to the February Grand Jury, or to a special body which is likely to be called. The men against whom the true bills are to be voted are members of a public fire insurance adjusting firm. The testimony obtained against them relates to a recent \$22,000 fire, said to have been of incendiary origin. Samuel Rottenburg, alleged "fixer" and "go-between" in the gang, confessed to-day to Mr. Johnston after his indictment. The prosecutor admitted that Rottenburg accused Joseph Clarke and Harry Brown, public adjusters, and John Kadizak, known as the leader of the "firebugs," with being responsible for his plight. These men were indicted yesterday.

Disabled Steamship in Port. CHARLESTON, Jan. 25.—Disabled for three days off Cape Lookout by the bursting of a low pressure cylinder, the steamship Mue of the Philadelphia and Gulf Steamship Company arrived here to-day, conveyed by the revenue cutter Andros, cogging.

Macy's

R. H. Macy & Co.'s Attractions Are Their Low Prices
Herald Square, Broadway, 34th to 35th St.

The Only Furniture Sale—Conducted on a strictly cash basis, begins Monday, February 3d. Buying for cash only and selling for cash only makes possible the great price advantages "those who know" have learned to expect of the great Macy Mid-Winter Sale of Quality Furniture.

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Clearances Before Inventory—Reductions Throughout

FINE FURS HALF PRICE

Magnificent Wraps and Coats, Matched Sets, and Separate Muffs and Scarves—are included in this collection.



The White Fox Muff illustrated is \$58.75.

Fine Furs, Specially Purchased for this Sale, now offered at Savings of One-Half.

These values are possible because of recent cash purchases through which Macy's acquired the entire stocks of three leading furriers at great price concessions.

If we had bought these Furs in the regular way we would have to get double these prices for these Fine Furs.

Fur Coats at Half

The Draped Wrap—(Illustrated)—Now \$449.00, was priced \$894.00. An Imported Garment of real style—made of selected Baby Caracul—lined with white broads, prettily finished with wide lace ruffles. A deep cape collar and wide sleeves are of white fur.

Specimen Values in Fine Fur Coats

Full length and three-quarter Coats, draped and straight line models, are included in this assortment.

If bought in the regular way, Macy's price would be	Sale Price Now	If bought in the regular way, Macy's price would be	Sale Price Now
Baby Caracul	\$361.00	French Seal	\$189.00
Hudson Seal	\$196.00	French Seal	\$130.00
Hudson Seal	\$249.00	Black Pony	\$98.75
Muskrat	\$139.00	Natural Pony	\$89.75
Blended Squirrel	\$119.00	Natural Pony	\$69.75
Broadtail	\$499.00	Black Pony	\$59.75
Broadtail	\$359.00	Scotch Mole	\$196.00
Scotch Mole	\$274.00	Civet Cat	\$131.00
	\$239.00	Baby Caracul Suits	\$196.00

Fur Sets in Forty Different Furs

Carefully matched sets in the latest fashionable effects, strictly reliable furs of selected qualities.

If bought in the regular way, Macy's price would be	Sale Price Now	If bought in the regular way, Macy's price would be	Sale Price Now
White Fox	\$39.75	Scotch Mole	\$54.75
Scarf	\$9.75	Muff	\$67.75
Scarf	\$9.75	Scotch Mole	\$179.00
Muff	\$79.75	Blue Fox	\$184.00
Baby Caracul	\$89.75	Baby Caracul	\$134.00
Muff	\$29.75	Hudson Seal	\$89.75
"Kolinsky" Sable	\$54.75	Natural Mink	\$57.75
Muff	\$19.75	Natural Mink	\$129.00
Pointed Fox	\$74.75	Scarf	\$129.00
Muff	\$27.75	Scarf	\$106.00
Civet Cat	\$59.75	Scarf	\$224.00
Scarf	\$19.75	Scarf	\$59.75
Muff	\$34.75	French Mole	\$23.74
Muff	\$15.74	Scarf	\$39.75
Muff	\$15.74	Marmot	\$14.74
Muff	\$19.74	Black Coney	\$8.74
Hudson Bay Sable	\$189.00	Skunk-dyed Opossum	\$3.96
Scarf	\$69.75		
Muff	\$84.75		
Ermine	\$189.00		
Scarf	\$69.75		
Muff	\$89.75		
Broadtail and Skunk	\$179.00		
Scarf	\$89.75		
Muff	\$59.75		

NEW FASHIONS FOR SUNNY SOUTHERN WINTER RESORTS

Displayed in the Macy Gown Salon, Second Floor, are many handsome Dinner Gowns and dainty Lingerie Dresses that will interest the woman going Southward.

CHARMEUSE DINNER GOWNS. With fresh crepe lace bodice and coat effect, are \$86.75. Among the gowns there is a unique belted model in Japanese printed chintz at \$54.75, with hickies of old blue satin trimming the bodice and coat and sentimental skirt.

MOORISH EMBROIDERED NET GOWNS. In deep cream color, with Spanish such girdle, are \$69.75.

WOMEN'S FOOTWEAR Clearance Sale

The Shoe Sale continues, its assortments augmented daily by new lines taken from the regular Macy stocks, and specially reduced for quick disposal.

Women's High Shoes



Included in the assortment are the season's most stylish, shapely lasts, in patent leather and black calf-skin. The soles are strongly welled and are heavy enough for cold weather wear. Sizes range from 3 to 7.

Evening Slippers—Reduced to \$2.59
Qualities sold elsewhere for \$3.00 and \$6.00.

Fancy open work and bead embroidered slippers in patent leathers, bronze kid and white calfskin, with fine jet, iridescent and crystal beads. High Louis XV, heels, graceful, dainty lasts with flexible turned soles. A broken range of sizes. Not every size in every style, but every size from 2 1/2 to 7 in several desirable styles.

Slippers Specially Reduced to \$1.39
Include odd lots in quantities sold elsewhere at \$1.50 and in many leathers, colors and sizes. An excellent assortment of 300 pairs.

Sale of Paris-Made Tunics

A special purchase from a French importer who was anxious to dispose of his entire line before returning to Paris and sold the assortment to us at half the prices he asked for them earlier in the season. There are in the lot, Two Hundred and Fifty Robes and Tunics at Less than the Actual Cost to Import.

To this assortment we have added our entire stock remaining at greatly reduced prices.

These Tunics are not the ordinary plain robe and overdress effects, but are copies of the most clever and daring modes originated by Drecoll, Worth and Paquin. Tunics notable because of their chic style and exquisite elaboration, their gorgeous designs and color harmonies.

Tunics with the slashed skirts, the side draperies, the crossover panels, the Russian poplin effects, the curving lines, the fringed edges so favored by fashion.

Mounted on a simple foundation slip of silk or chiffon—these dazzling, shimmering creations of net, chiffon and chiffon cloth may be transformed into a beautiful Evening Gown.

Gleaming with beads and bugles in artistic designs, these Tunics, according to their quality, effectiveness and elaborateness, are divided into

Groups for Special Selling

Flesh pink, Peach, Sky blue, Red, Mauve, Champagne, Cornflower, "Nellrose," Gray, Black, Emerald, White, Lilac, Black-and-white.

Many in the assortment are suitable for the debutante. On sale on Tables in the Centre Aisle, Main Floor, in addition to the regular Department on the Main Floor, 34th St. side.



Main Floor, 34th Street.

Tunics at \$12.49

Imported to sell at \$25.00 to \$28.75.

Eight styles, including the Chiffon Robe (as illustrated) with tunic overdress—elaborately beaded with crystal and moonstone beads.

Spanish Tunics of net with the side drapery outlined with bugle beads and dazzling paillettes. Chiffon Cloth Tunics, crystal beaded in floral pattern.

Chiffon Cloth Tunics in peasant bodice style, embroidered with pearl and opalescent beads.

Chiffon cloth with slashed skirt and round bodice, trimmed with silver and pearl bugles and fringes.

Panel Tunics on straight lines, with deep elaborate borders, large and floral patterns—silver bugle and moonstone beaded and set with rhinestones.

Tunics at \$17.89

Imported to sell for \$35.00 to \$40.00.

Net Tunics of Oriental effect—the scroll patterns in ombre beads and fringes—net Tunics of crossover style—lattice panels of opalescent beads combined with finely beaded net in silver and crystal.

Chiffon Tunics with fringed deep borders and strands of silver beads, the designs set with rhinestones.

Net Tunics in new panel back effect—the draperies finished with long fringes. Bead, bugle and pearl embroidered.

Tunics at \$39.50

Imported to sell for \$80.00 to \$85.00.

Silk Chiffon Cloth Tunics (as illustrated) with the new draped panther effect—in peasant style. The skirt and bodice have insets of gold net, beautifully embroidered with rib-zine embroidery with pearl beads and bugles and iridescent paillettes.

Chiffon Cloth Tunics in overdress effect have flounces of "Milan" lace and beaded insets of net with rib-zine embroidery and rosebuds set with jewels. Tunics in this group represent the highest achievement of the Paris designer's art.

Tunics at \$27.50

Imported to sell for \$55.00 to \$60.00.

Fine French Net Tunics with the new triple flounced skirt—each ruffle fringed and embroidered with pearl and clear crystal beads.

Net Tunics with crossover bodice and kimono sleeves—the new skirt in battlement effect, slashed at sides and with deep border design. A girdle of cut crystal ball beads finishes the waist.

Chiffon Cloth Tunics with surplice bodice and short peplum.



Main Floor, 34th Street.

FINAL Pre-Inventory REDUCTION On All FINE INFANTS' WEAR

Especially noteworthy is the pre-inventory reduction in price of all children's and misses' hand-made, imported underwear from France, of which we can only give a few suggestions. Remember many of our best values (owing to limited quantities) never find their way into print.

Children's Muslin Drawers	Misses' Muslin Chemises
Sizes 2 to 16 years.	Sizes 12 to 18 years.
Prices were \$1.39 to \$1.49; now 99c	Prices were \$1.24 to \$1.49; now 99c
Prices were \$1.79 to \$1.98; now \$1.39	Prices were \$1.59 to \$1.79; now \$1.19
Prices were \$2.29 to \$2.97; now \$1.98	Prices were \$2.24 to \$3.79; now \$1.98
Children's Muslin Skirts	Children's Muslin Gowns
Sizes 2 to 16 years.	Sizes 12 to 18 years.
Prices were \$1.49 to \$1.69; now 99c	Prices were \$1.69 to \$2.09; now \$1.39
Prices were \$2.19 to \$2.69; now \$1.59	Prices were \$2.24 to \$2.39; now \$1.69
Prices were \$2.74 to \$2.97; now \$1.98	Prices were \$2.49 to \$2.79; now \$1.98
Prices were \$3.39 to \$3.96; now \$2.97	Prices were \$2.97 to \$3.59; now \$2.39
Prices were \$4.29 to \$8.74; now \$3.96	Prices were \$3.39 to \$3.69; now \$2.69
	Prices were \$3.96 to \$4.79; now \$2.97
	Prices were \$4.96 to \$7.39; now \$3.96

Reductions equally as important have been made in the prices of our novelties, including hampers, baskets, cabinets and wash stands, and dainty baby pillow cases, caps, Afghans and pique coats, which we have imported from France and Holland. Prices begin at 99c for a nightgown and go up to \$39.49 for a most elaborate christening dress.

SPRING FROCKS SMART FASHIONS

The most charming phases of the new styles are shown in the Silk Dresses now displayed in the Gown Salon, Second Floor. Black charmeuse patterned with rose in old pink is used for a fetching little Frock at \$89.75. The draped peasant bodice and the enveloping folds of the skirt are caught in place with large rosette buttons of the silk, and pipings of rose colored charmeuse add a note of contrast. The transparent yoke and shadow lace sleeves are of black.



Wool Poplin Coat Dresses \$17.74

A Russian blouse model, as illustrated, with the narrow vest effect, in black satin and satin rolling collar with a white embroidery turn-over. The long curving line of the blouse-front terminates in a sharp point at the back. A folded girdle and long cash ends of the black satin complete this jaunty Dress, which is a poplin of fine trim weave.

Wool Eponge Coat Dress \$14.74

A smart, one-piece model, trimmed down the front with large covered buttons and with rolling collar and revers of contrasting colored eponge. The round waist and skirt are joined with a corded girdle and the long sleeves are in set-in effect, with wide armhole. In black and navy eponge of excellent quality.

Serge Suits of Mannish Style \$24.74

A Spring model, with cutaway coat opening over a vest of black satin, and with rolling collar and flat revers. The skirt has fine pleats set in at the sides, and the shirred back is finished with the new half belt at the waist. In navy and black men's wear serge, finely tailored.

Spring Suits—in Bedford Cord, Ratine, Eponge, French Serge and Silk-and-Wool Eponge, at \$22.74 to \$38.75.

Evening Dresses—A Clearance

Reductions are in force that concern our entire assortment of Dancing and Dinner Gowns in fine laces, chiffons, charmeuse, brocades and velvets. Sizes 36 to 40.

Gowns that were \$179.00, now \$98.75

Gowns that were \$139.00, now \$74.75

Gowns that were \$89.75, now \$59.75

Gowns that were \$79.75, now \$49.75

Satin Charmeuse Evening Gowns, \$33.75

In white, ciel blue, apricot, and "Nellrose" charmeuse; the bodice crystal bead embroidered; the skirt "en traine." Copies of "Beer" and "Worth" models. Sizes 34 to 42.

Pretty Dancing Frocks, \$17.74

A limited number of dainty styles in chiffon cloth and all-over shadow lace.

HOUSEHOLD & DRESS LINENS REDUCED

At these prices, affording such material savings, it would be wise economy to purchase now for future requirements.

All Linen Table Cloths, \$1.19

Made of fine bleached, heavy weave damask from Ireland. Spot and floral designs. Size 68 in. x 68 in.

Round Linen Table Cloths

Very fine quality damask, our own importation from Ireland. Conventional pattern that cannot be procured elsewhere in this city.

Cloths 70 in. x 70 in., \$1.98

Cloths 70 in. x 88 in., \$2.49

Cloths 70 in. x 106 in., \$2.97

Napkins 23 in. x 23 in., \$2.69 doz.

Asbestos Mats and Pads

Being made of heat resisting and moisture proof asbestos, they effectively protect polished table tops. The edges are bound with linen tape. Round Mats and Covers complete:

4-inch, 18c 7-inch, 29c
5-inch, 24c 8-inch, 34c

Oval Mats and Covers:
4 1/2 in. x 7 in., 27c
5 in. x 8 1/2 in., 34c
10-in., round, 46c
7 1/2 in. x 13 in., 58c

Round Table Pads:
42 in. x 45 in., \$2.97
48 in. x 48 in., \$3.49
42 in. x 54 in., \$3.96
42 in. x 60 in., \$4.89

Extra leaves, 12 inches wide by 60 inches long, each 89c. Special sizes made to order at short notice.

White Dress Linens

All pure white flax, from Ireland! In the popular rami and plain weaves, with a soft mellow finish; ready for use.

36-in., per yard, 24c 45-in., per yard, 39c 60-in., per yard, 69c

CARPETS & LINOLEUMS

A Thorough House-Cleaning that means Savings to you of One-half in many cases.

Velvet Carpets (yd., 89c) **Velvet Carpets (yd., 69c)**
Macy's price was \$1.09. Macy's price was \$1.48.

The Velvet and Wilton Velvet Carpets are in Oriental designs and two-tone effects. These Carpets have a high resilient non-matting pile that is so closely woven as to resist the entrance of dust and dirt.

The Tapestry Brussels Carpets have a "loop" surface that makes them durable and easy to clean and are in Oriental effects and also in two-tone effects.

The Axminster Carpets, which have a soft and yielding (yet springy) pile surface, are firmly woven and of lasting quality. They are beautifully patterned in floral effects and in figures copied from fine examples of Eastern Rugs. Also in charming two-tone effects.

Tapestry Brussels (yd., 74c) **Wilton Velvets (yd., \$1.24)**
Macy's price was 89c. Macy's price was \$1.48.

Fine Axminster Carpets at (yd., 89c)
Macy's price was \$1.34. These are for rooms.

Two-tone and Oriental effects, in a wide variety of harmonizing shades.

LINOLEUMS at Radical Reductions

An excellent assortment in both parquet and geometrical effects—but a slight imperfection in one or two rolls, in the pattern. Colors are subdued, warm tans, browns, olives and maroons, in contrasting effects.

In the Figured Linoleums there are 15 patterns and from 1 to 15 full rolls (120 sq. yds. to a roll) in each pattern. In Inlaid Linoleums there are 10 patterns and from 1 to 5 full rolls (60 sq. yds. to a roll) in each pattern.

Figured Cork Lino. (sq. yd., 44c) **Inlaid Linoleum (sq. yd., 89c)**
Macy's price was 69c. Macy's price was \$1.19.
This Linoleum is in the 4-yd. width. This Linoleum is in the 2-yd. width.